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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 July 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 18-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 18-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

The cancellation of Claims 10-17 and addition of Claims 18-20 are acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1 and 7 recite the limitation "wherein the external connecting terminal is joined to a surface of the board and projects therefrom on a side opposite the semiconductor chip with respect to the board. " in lines 8-10. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. The Examiner is not sure that if this "external terminal" is the same as the "external terminal" that is cited in line 3 of claims 3 and 7 since the drawings disclosed two different external terminals, for example, terminals 2 and 7. Please address this matter in the next communication paper.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

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4. Claims 1-9 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Lum (US 5,959,462, previously cited.)

In regard to claims 1 and 7, in figs. 4-7, Lum discloses a semiconductor device 10, comprising:

a semiconductor chip 28, or 29-34; and

protective resin 36 covering a sidewall of the semiconductor chip and having a surface formed so as to be flush with an inactive surface of the semiconductor chip which is a surface on the opposite side of an active surface of the semiconductor chip, see col. 5, lines 29-42; and

an external connecting terminal at the bottom of the chips, solder balls, for example where the solder balls being connected to the active surface and the external terminal 14, electrically connected to the active surface of the semiconductor chip and projecting therefrom, see fig. 7; and

a board 14, also mentioned as external terminal above, wherein another external connecting 46 is joined to a surface of the board and projects there from on a side opposite the semiconductor chip with respect to the board; see fig. 8.

In regard to claim 2, Lum further discloses an external connecting terminal electrically connected to the active surface of the chip, see fig. 2.

In regard to claims 3-4, Lum discloses a board 14 which semiconductor chip is joined, see fig. 5.

In regard to claims 5 and 8, the board 14 is wiring board, see fig. 2.

In regard to claims 6 and 9, see fig. 8.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 3/18/02 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In regard to argument of the external connecting terminal that is electrically connected to an active surface on the opposite side of the board, see the newly discussions above regarding to claims 1 and 7.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathan Ha whose telephone number is (703) 305-3507. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-5:00(EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Olik Chaudhuri can be reached on (703) 306-2794. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-7722 for regular communications and 308-3432 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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